

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the fifth paragraph on page 16 with the following amended paragraph:

In Fig. 1, reference number 1 represents LEDs as a light source, 1b a substrate on which to mount LEDs, 2 a light guide plate, 3 a prism sheet, 6 a reflector plate and 7 a liquid crystal panel. The light guide plate 2 is rectangular in plan view and formed of a light-transmitting resin, such as polycarbonate. 2a denotes a top surface of the light guide plate 2, and 2b a bottom surface. Designated 2c is a light receiving side surface 2c facing the LEDs 1. The bottom surface 2b is formed with a plurality of asymmetric prisms 2bp. The asymmetric prisms 2bp each have a down slope 2bp1 and an up slope 2bp2. The down slope 2bp1 is so configured that its distance to the top surface 2a sharply increases as a point of interest on the slope moves away from the light receiving side surface 2c. The up slope 2bp2 is so configured that its distance to the top surface 2a moderately decreases.